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NATIONAL REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

FOR PRESIDENT,

JAMES G. BLAINE, OF MAINE.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,

JOHN A. LOGAN, OF ILLINOIS.

For and Against.

WHY SHOULD CLEVELAND BE DEFEATED?

Because his defeat will be the defeat of the Democratic party, which has stood for, and to-day stands for, spoils as the reward of victory; free trade, wheat banks, soft money, intimidation, violence, fraud and murder as political weapons.

Because being a man of absolutely no experience in the conduct of national affairs, ignorant alike of men and measures, he would be at the mercy of advisers. Who can say who they would be?

Because his present political advisers, headed by the notoriously corrupt Thompson, are such as to cause the public constant apprehension.

Because, according to Theodore Roosevelt, who certainly should know, he opposed every measure directed against the evil practices of his supporters, such as Thompson and Davidson, convicted as they were of outrages, open and long continued swindling. What hope of a pure administration after such an exhibition?

Because he is a very small man intellectually and morally, and is not capable of appreciating great good men, or resisting shrewd bad men.

Because (would that we might omit this reason) he is a "moral leper," so that his character cannot even be discussed without shame, nor defended without disgrace. Shall the White House be polluted and contaminated by its example, the virtue of a whole nation?

WHY SHOULD MR. BLAINE BE ELECTED?

Because his election means the continuance in power of the Republican party, and his failure its defeat.

Because the Republican party has always stood for, and to-day stand for, protection. Protection of American citizens in every state, and of every color, in their right to vote as their conscience dictates, uninfluenced by fear of trial, jail or bullet; protection to American citizens in foreign lands from violence and oppression; protection of American industry and American homes against ruinous foreign competition.

Because the Republican party opposes the overthrow of our splendid banking system and tariff system, the two great foundation stones upon which has been built up the most marvelously prosperous business community the world has ever seen. It is the admiration and envy of all the people of the earth. Shall we jeopardize it by tampering with the foundations upon which it has been reared?

Because the Republican party has ably managed the affairs of the nation and the Democratic party records a gigantic blunder after every great opportunity. Note the nomination of Mr. Cleveland by the leaders who were in possession of all the facts now known to the public. Note the frittering away of a whole session of Congress over the fatal Morrison bill, the "first firm step towards free trade."

Because against Mr. Blaine nothing save a series of insinuations of impropriety have been urged even by his enemies. The filed records of twenty-five years of public service show not one scrap of evidence against his honesty and integrity.

Because Mr. Blaine ranks among the foremost statesmen of the world. He possesses in the highest degree wisdom, penetration and courage. He can neither be hoodwinked nor intimidated.

Because finally, and most of all, he is in sympathy with, and will if elected, use all of the tremendous power of the Presidential office to carry into effect the principles of the Republican party.

Henry Ward Beecher.

Few men have filled so large a place in public regard as Henry Ward Beecher, and until he shall have passed into the next world it will not be possible either to ignore or forget his existence.

When the jury in the Tilton case reported that they could not agree either to convict or acquit the defendant, Mr. Beecher had an opportunity to so regulate the remainder of his life that all his friends could point to that as his complete and final vindication. This opportunity he has lost for all time. He immediately broke away from his religious associations and carried Plymouth Church beyond the pale of fellowship. From this pulpit he has uttered views of life and of eternity which he was unable to find defense in the Scriptures, which he professed to teach, and he was driven to deny the truth of these Scriptures in order to maintain his own assertions.

But Mr. Beecher was not content to be a free man in religion alone; he had been an imposing figure in public affairs also, and had rendered valuable services to the cause of freedom and humanity, and it remained for him to tear his reputation to tatters before he could take his new place in the history of our times.

So soon as the nomination of Blaine was made, Mr. Beecher hastened to announce that he could not support such a candidate, but he at the same time declared that he had not yet determined to go over to the enemy. But when Grover Cleveland was nominated, he promptly tendered him his support. The subsequent disclosures of gross immorality in the life of Mr. Cleveland had no effect upon this saintly man. He at once proceeded to defend the accused and to justify his offences. His attacks upon Mr. Blaine and Mr. James F. Joy glister with spiteful hate; and his attempt to induce the people to convict Mr. Blaine of corruption and Mr. Joy of lying upon him, Beecher's unsupported recollections of a memorable conversation, is one of the remarkable features of this campaign.

The unreliability of Mr. Beecher's memory was fully demonstrated in the trial of the Tilton case, and his character for truthfulness suffered almost as much.

Mr. Beecher's stumped speeches during the past week abound in violent abuse and misstatements of fact, until it seems as if no other man had fallen so low as he. The language he uses is revolting and the spirit he exhibits would disgrace Judas Iscariot. If Mr. Beecher is insane, a sympathetic public would rejoice to see him removed from public gaze; if he is not insane, he should be banished from decent society.

Is Free Trade an Issue?

The importance of the impending Presidential struggle is often belittled by the cry that "free trade is not an issue of this contest."

It may be at some future time, but now it is only a question of candidates.

If this assertion were true on the score of ability, of character of honesty, the Republican nominees, Blaine and Logan, were much to be preferred. But it is far from the fact. The real question is not, "Shall the honors and emoluments of the Presidential office fall to one or other of two sets of politicians?" The real question is, "Shall the policy of the Republican party as to finance, as to Civil Service Reform, as to the protection of home industry, and of American citizens abroad, continue to be the policy of the country, or shall it be reversed?"

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Vote Early.

All the present indications point to an unusually large vote in Bloomfield on Tuesday, and we urge the voters to go to the polls and deposit their ballots early in the day.

There is no good reason why one-half the vote may not be cast before ten o'clock.

The committee in charge of the canvass will send for all persons who are not able to walk to the polls, and will hunt up delinquents. It will greatly aid their work if those who do not need to be sent for will vote early, so that there may be as little as possible left to be done in the closing hours of the day.

Vote for Blaine.

Republicans who are still undecided whether or not to vote for Blaine are becoming somewhat scarce, but we think enough is now known to satisfy our Temperance friends that St. John is either running as an assistant to Grover Cleveland, or he is running simply to gratify his own personal vanity. In either case the result must be the same; the indirect support of the worst foe to temperance in this country. And besides all this it now appears that St. John is a heartless scamp, who, in 1852, deserted his wife and an unborn child after having been married but three months. Of such stuff are these "reformers" made.

Vote for the County Ticket.

The Republican county ticket is a good one, and should receive the support of the party in Bloomfield. The attempt which is being made to induce the firemen to vote for Brown for Sheriff, pugnaciously succeeded. Mr. Stansby possesses all the qualities needed for a faithful administration of that office, while the voters of Essex County have twice rejected William H. Brown when he ran for Sheriff. His defeat now should be so signal that he will never again appear as an aspirant for a county office.

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